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Rhode Island
4-H

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2012

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4-H Military Clubs





4-H members learn to plan a project and work as a team.



Fast Facts



Constructing the final product as a team.



Navy CYP displays club project at the state fair and wins Best in Show!



Military Club member working on her horse project.



Jitterbugs club members prepare for a skit at the Big E.

Our Goal

To provide opportunities for children of service members to belong to a club, master skills through hands-on projects of their choosing and to be a part of their community.

Support

In 2012, the military club grant provided...

- URI 4-H Program Staff Support
- Staff and Volunteer Training
- Club Project Supplies
- Club Project Curricula and Resource Materials
- Field Trips!
- Big E Bus Trip for Club Families!

The University of Rhode Island, Naval Station Newport Child and Youth Program, Rhode Island National Guard and Balfour Beatty Communities have all provided support for the military 4-H clubs.





Highlights of the Year



2012

Increased Participation

- **40%** increase in membership: 2011 Military Clubs had **126 members**, 2012—**178** members.

Our Military Clubs:

- Navy CYP , Middletown (138)
- NEW!! - Mighty Middletown (24)
- Jitterbugs, Exeter (13)
- Military Brats, Newport (8)
- At least 5 other community clubs have National Guard or Navy club members.

Quality Training for Staff and Volunteers

- 4-H 101 Basics
- RI 4-H Opportunities & Resources
- 4-H Record Book
- Club Leadership and Planning
- Public Speaking
- RI Science Academy - Experiential and Inquiry Based teaching
- NYSD Ecobot Challenge

Integration into 4-H Programs

Military Clubs Participated in the following State and District Programs:

- Eastern RI 4-H Fair
- RI 4-H Photo & Fine Arts Fair
- District Public Presentation Contests
- 4-H Dog Workshops
- Southern RI 4-H Fair
- Washington County Fair
- Eastern States Exposition
- February Vacation Health Day

Military 4-H Partnerships are supported by 4-H National Headquarters/NIFA/USDA; Army Child, Youth and School Services; Air Force Airman and Family Services; Navy Child and Youth Programs; and the University of Rhode Island Cooperative Extension 4-H Program through grant funding at Kansas State University.

Rhode Island military 4-H youth participated in hands-on learning projects focused in:

- Environmental Studies: Recycling, Wildlife & Gardening
- Animal Science: Horse Science, Dog & Pets
- Citizenship and Community Service
- Leadership & Public Speaking
- Theater & Visual Arts
- Foods, Nutrition and Health
- SET (Science, Engineering & Technology)



Mighty Middletown Club members make healthy snacks..



" My children really enjoy 4-H. The knowledge they have gained over the months has been exceptional. It has been a huge benefit to our family, in general, as we were able to grow a huge garden as a family project."

Thanks!

Natalie Blackketter

Parent, Mighty Middletown 4-H Club

Partners



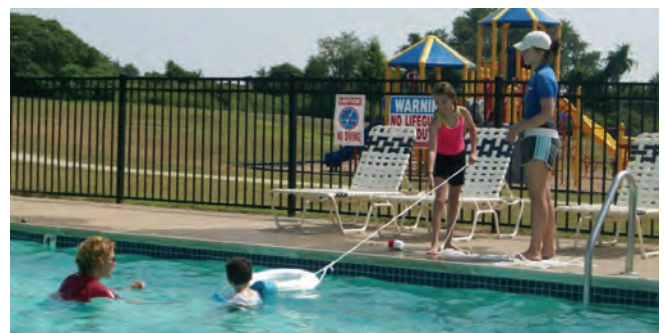
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